

Buddy

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Pupdate 5

Progressing through training

Mastering crucial skills

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Hi, I'm Joanne, Buddy's trainer. I'm preparing him to be matched with a new owner!

I've been a guide dog trainer for over 20 years and knowing I am playing a part in changing someone's life for the better makes the hard work worthwhile. I love seeing a partnership form between dog and owner and witnessing someone getting their freedom and independence back and I can't wait to see Buddy become a guide dog.

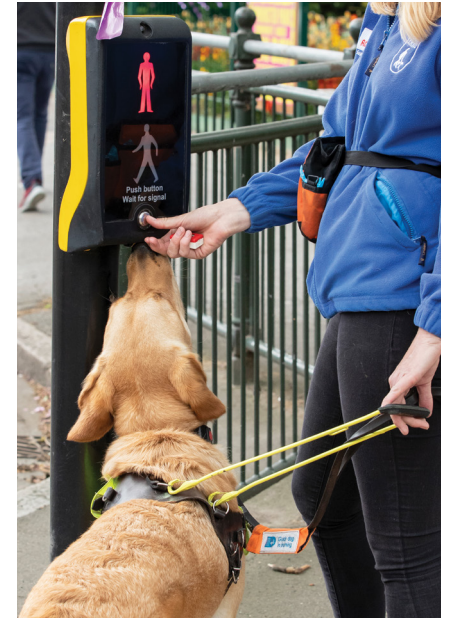
Starting training school

A change in environment can be a little overwhelming for any dog and so, for the first few weeks, I spent time doing lots of fun things with Buddy such as playing with toys, grooming and going on free runs. This developed a strong bond between us and ensured Buddy was calm and relaxed before starting training.

It didn't take long before Buddy made a puppy pal at training school, a black Labrador called Dibble. He loves running around and playing with him to let off steam.

A day in the life of Buddy

Each morning I pick Buddy up from his boarders for his morning training session.



Buddy is very much led by his stomach and so stays very focused on his training if there is a tasty treat involved! We take a break together at lunchtime before beginning our afternoon training session.

We regularly visit our local town where Buddy practices skills such as 'find the chair' or 'find the stairs'. I've also been teaching Buddy to 'find the box', where he locates the button at a pedestrian crossing. This will

allow his future owner to cross the road safely.

New challenges

Buddy isn't a fan of travelling in the back of the car and so I'm spending time building his confidence in this area to help him overcome his fear.

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Guide Dogs is working to give people with sight loss the confidence and skills they need to live the life they choose.

Soon I will be teaching Buddy to be aware of moving vehicles and to stop if one approaches; an invaluable skill to his future owner as he will signal to them when a road is not safe to cross. We will introduce this by driving a car slowly towards Buddy, asking him to stop when he sees it approaching on the road.

The perfect match?

Buddy loves to have a job to do and so he would suit someone who has a busy lifestyle. He will be changing someone's life very soon and

he couldn't have achieved this without your support.

Look out for your next Pupdate in October to meet his new owner!



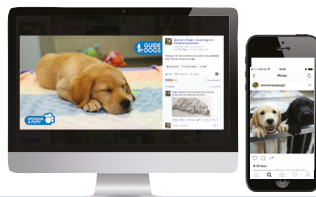
See how much Buddy has grown

We have been taking pictures of Buddy since he was born so you can see just how much he's changed.

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